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## **Sen. Goschka's bill saving counties money heads to Governor** *Rep. Kahn shepherds bill through the House*

**LANSING** -- Legislation that would save counties money on the cost of inmate healthcare was sent to the governor today after being shepherded through the Legislature by Sen. Mike Goschka, R-Brant, and Rep. Roger Kahn, R-Saginaw Township.

"With tax dollars being scarce today, we have to find ways to save money where we can," said Goschka, who sponsored Senate Bill 736. "I commend Representative Kahn on his work to guide this bill through the House so swiftly. I urge the governor to act quickly and sign this legislation."

Goschka's bill would require that healthcare providers seek reimbursement for treatment of an inmate of a county jail first from the inmate's insurance company, healthcare corporation or another source before seeking payment from the county. Existing state law mandates that the county pays the entire healthcare bill of an inmate up-front before being able to seek any reimbursement whatsoever.

"I'm delighted to help Senator Goschka with this important legislation," Kahn said. "As a physician, I understand how this would help with insurance questions and save counties money. I urge the governor to sign this bill."

The legislation was advocated by Saginaw County Sheriff Charles Brown and County Commissioner Ann Doyle.

SB 736 was approved unanimously in the Senate and House of Representatives. Once it is formally sent to her, the governor will have two weeks to act on it.

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